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Keep abreast of Superfund

Earlier this year, a team including U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources interviewed more than 40 area residents and community leaders about their preferred ways to get information about the Ashland/Northern States Power Superfund site. As members of that team, we would like to thank the people of the Red Cliff and Bad River Bands of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and City of Ashland who gave us their time and their opinions.

Just prior to our three days of interviews, your newspaper published a letter to the editor from Paula Schneider and Kathy Sill that urged Ashland residents to stay involved in the Superfund process for Ashland/Northern States Power. We at EPA and WDNR appreciate that letter, and the positive response we've received in the community. However, the letter men-

tioned a possible public meeting on April 14, and because of several schedule conflicts we have postponed that meeting. We will inform the community as soon as a new date is chosen.

The community's concerns are a vital part of the process at any Superfund site. Our goal is to keep the people of Red Cliff, Bad River and Ashland communities informed so that they can effectively participate in the process. As we move toward developing cleanup options, and ultimately to choosing the best possible cleanup plan for the site, there will be more opportunities for input from area residents. Please stay involved. Your voice does count.

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